

Worship Celebration: May 20, 2018

EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

9:15 a.m. (PRAISE!)

Pentecost (Year B)



A blessed Pentecost to you! Today we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the early church, which marks the day we call *The Birthday of the Church!* In the lesson for this day, many people were gathered in Jerusalem when the winds, flames and tongues came down in a powerful way. Pentecost marks the end of the 50 days of Easter and it is a most appropriate day for baptisms and new members. At our 9:15 service we will confirm 4 young people, including a young man from Faith UMC who has been learning alongside our students. At 11:15 we will

baptize 2 children and welcome them into the community of faith. As the church of God at Epworth, we are blessed by children and youth who bring us their fresh perspective on faith and lead us in worship. We are glad you chose to worship with us today!

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*VISION: Growing as Christian community in service to the Rehoboth area;  
MISSION: Reaching out, celebrating, and living the love of Christ in God's world.*

☪ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ☪

**Praise Gathering**

*BURNING IN MY SOUL*

There is power, power...Here in this hour, this hour.

We're all together, together waiting here as one. *(repeat)*

*Whoa! Hear the sound from Heaven. Whoa! A mighty rushing wind.*

*Whoa! We're calling for revival. God let Your fire fall again; it's burning in my soul. Burning in my soul.*

All Your sons and Your daughters dreaming the dreams of their Father,  
Seeing the signs and the wonders, the Kingdom of God. *{Refrain}*

I cannot contain it, this fire inside. I cannot contain it, so let it shine.

I cannot contain it, this light of mine

*It's burning in my soul--Hear the sound from Heaven.*

*Whoa! A mighty rushing wind. Whoa! We're calling for revival.*

*God let Your fire fall again; It's burning in my soul. Burning in my soul. It's burning in my soul!  
Whoa---Whoa---Whoa---Whoa---*

There is power, power...Here in this hour, this hour.  
We're all together, together waiting here as one. Waiting here as one...waiting here as one.

All Your sons and Your daughters dreaming the dreams of their Father,  
Seeing the signs and the wonders, the Kingdom of God.

*Whoa!---Whoa!---Whoa!---It's burning in my soul! <sup>1</sup>*

## Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Glenn

*(Glenn will announce giving amounts for Capital, Regular and First Fruits and introduce confirmands)*

### \*Singing in Praise

#### SOUL ON FIRE

*God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart till I am a soul on fire.  
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways. I'm waiting for the day when I am a soul on fire, {\*last time to TAG}  
till I am a soul on fire. {Repeat}*

Lord, restore the joy I had I have a-wandered bring me back.  
In this darkness, lead me through until all I see is You, yeah! {Repeat Chorus}

Lord, let me burn for You again. Let me return to You again.  
And Lord, let me burn for You again! And let me return to You again! {Repeat Chorus}

TAG: *God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart till I am a soul on fire,  
till I am a soul on fire, till I am a soul on fire. <sup>2</sup>*

### Children's Celebration

Sofia Tamburello & Bianca Camiolo

### \*We Prepare for the Word

#### SPIRIT IN THE WIND

Memorial Bell Choir

### ☞ WE ENGAGE THE WORD ☞

### Gospel Play

#### New Testament Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

Thomas Blair

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.  
And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.  
Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.  
All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.  
Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.  
And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.  
Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?  
And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?  
Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus

and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.

No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Brothers and Sisters,

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

§ Thanks be to God

### *SPIRIT IN THE WIND (CONT.)*

Sermon

“It’s Another Pentecost”

Rev. Vicky Starnes

## ✠ CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION ✠

### Introduction

Vicky

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of baptism we are initiated into Christ’s holy Church.

We are incorporated into God’s mighty acts of salvation through water and the Spirit.

All this is God’s gift, offered to us without price.

Through confirmation, and through the reaffirmation of our faith we renew the covenant declared at Baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ’s holy Church.

*Instruct all confirmands to stand where they are seated, Glenn asks the questions to confirmands on the floor.*

### Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Glenn

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,

reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

§ I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you  
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression  
in whatever forms they present themselves? § I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,  
put your whole trust in His grace,  
and promise to serve Him as our Lord,  
in union with the Church which Christ has opened  
to people of all ages, nations, and races? § I do.

According to the grace given to you,  
will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and  
serve as Christ's representatives in the world? § I will.

*To the congregation*

*Gwen*

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin  
and your commitment to Christ? § We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons  
now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of  
Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness that  
they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others.  
We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads  
to life.

Lay Leader: I invite these persons forward today for baptism:

Chayse A. Ford

*Chayse comes up front and circles the baptismal font, with his family and Diaz Bonville*

Thanksgiving over the Water

*Glenn*

The Lord be with you.

§ And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God you have long used water to beckon us into faith.

Through the story of creation and Noah and the Red Sea Crossing

– again and again you message us with the creative, restorative powers of water.

Our Lord Jesus was nurtured in the water of a womb

and baptized in the waters of the Jordan.

And so we gather around this font of water today

to again testify to the power and gift of this Holy Gift.

O God, pour out your Holy Spirit to bless this gift of water  
and Chayse who will receive it, to wash away his sin  
and clothe him in righteousness throughout his life, that,

dying and being raised with Christ, he may share in His final victory,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**S Amen.**

*\*Baptism with Laying on of Hands – Chayse A. Ford*

Vicky

I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**S Amen.**

*Glenn uses water to do baptismal remembrance for each confirmand*

Remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**

Glenn

## Confirmation

**Lay Leader:** I present these persons for confirmation:

Gwen

Thomas R. Blair

Bianca C. Camiolo

Chayse A. Ford

Sofia B. Tamburello

*(Invite youth leaders and confirmation teachers to join us on stage: Sadie Furman, Verity Watson, Wendy Herman, Diaz Bonville and Gwen Osborne) One at a time invite confirmands forward with their families. Each student kneels at the kneeler. Pastors and leaders join in placing hands on head and shoulders of confirmand. Begin with Chayse.*

*(Name) the Holy Spirit work within you,  
that having been born through water and the Spirit,  
you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Vicky

*Parents leave stage after their child is confirmed, youth remain in choir loft, when all are confirmed – have them come back to center altar and ask them the following questions.*

## Reception into the United Methodist Church and Epworth UMC

As members of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to the United  
Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

Gwen

**S I will.**

As members of Epworth, will you faithfully participate in its ministries  
by your prayers, your presence, your witness, your gifts, and your service?

Vicky

**S I will.**

## Commendation & Welcome

(Glenn, Gwen & Vicky)

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

## Congregational Response

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the

ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,  
establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
that you may live in grace and peace.

Vicky

*Stand & greet with applause. Praise Team returns during applause to prepare for song*

\*A Song of Welcome and Praise      *We Believe (abridged)*

*We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life.*

*We believe in the Crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death.*

*We believe in the Resurrection, and He's coming back again. We believe.*

Let the lost be found, and dead be raised; in the here and now let love invade.

Let the church live loud! Our God will save. We believe! We believe!

And the gates of hell will not prevail, for the power of God has torn the veil.

Now we know Your love will never fail. We believe! We believe! (*chorus*)

TAG: He's coming back, He's coming back again!

He's coming back again! We believe, we believe! <sup>3</sup>

## Joys and Concerns & Morning Prayer

Glenn

\*The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

§ Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering ~ *Please sign the blue Connections Pad and pass it down the row.*

Glenn

*Offerings are given through cash and check, on-line giving, Texting at 302-488-0038*

*and by using our Giving Kiosk in the main lobby. There are Giving Cards in the pews to place in the plate, if you wish*

*Bless your heart for supporting our ministries!*

### WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God, the Lord Most High.

Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ.

*What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus Christ, my King.*

*What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this. What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

You didn't want heaven without us, so, Jesus, You brought heaven down.

My sin was great, Your love was greater. What could separate us now?

*What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus Christ, my King.*

*What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this.*

*What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus. What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

*(Instrumental)*

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You. You silence the boast of sin and grave.  
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory, for You are raised to life again.

You have no rival, You have no equal. Now and forever, God, You reign.  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the name above all names.

*What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus Christ, my King.*

*What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against. What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

You have no rival, You have no equal. Now and forever, God, You reign.  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the name above all names.

*What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus Christ, my King.*

*What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against.*

*What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus. (line repeats 2x) <sup>4</sup>*

## **☞ We Are Sent into the World ☞**

**Benediction - Sharing of Creeds**

Thomas Blair & Chayse Ford

### **\*Sending Song**

*EVERY PRAISE*

Ev'ry praise is to our God, ev'ry word of worship with one accord.

Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise is to our God.

Sing Hallelujah to our God. Glory Hallelujah is due our God.

Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise is to our God. *(repeat 2X)*

God, my Savior. God, my healer. God, my deliverer.

Yes, He is. Yes, He is. *(repeat)*

Yes, He is. Yes, he is.

Ev'ry praise is to our God. Ev'ry word of worship with one accord.

Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise.

Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise,

Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise is to our God. *(repeat)*

Ev'ry praise is to our God. Ev'ry word of worship with one accord.

Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise.

Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise. <sup>5</sup>

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**Bulletins** for the month of May are sponsored in loving memory of Robert Greenawalt's death 6 years ago, May 5, by his Wife and Family.

**Chancel Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of George Simpson on the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of his death (May 24) by his Wife, Children and Grandchildren.

**Stephen Ministers**, wearing blue name badges, will be at each service if anyone in the Epworth family wants to talk about any life challenges.

The special **Peace Candle on the Chancel** shines to remind us of God's desire for peace throughout our world and our call to be God's peacemakers.

**DVD and Broadcast Ministries:** All Church Service at Epworth are presented using multimedia technology. The screens above the Chancel area are used for text, videos, photographs and live cameras. Each service is digitally recorded for archive purposes as well as for distribution to our homebound members on DVD. These recordings may also be broadcast or archived on our web page. Therefore, you may, at any time, be seen and recorded on camera - anywhere throughout the Sanctuary.

*Acolyte* Bianca Camiolo

*Sound* Ken Mahan, Sharon Wert, Josh Megee, Arne Jerfsten

*Ushers* Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator - Worship Pathway:

9:30: Pat Thornton, Tom Lechner, Sam Sonnett, Karen Smail, Annette Predeaux, James Floyd

## Worship Resources

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**Ministers:** The Church Family... *Lay Leader:* Gwen Osborne

*Senior Pastor:* Rev. Vicky Starnes ... *Associate Pastor:* Rev. Glenn Catley

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*Special Projects:* Debbie Hunt ... *Administrative Assistant:* Diana Young ... *Sound Tech:* Josh Megee

*Preschool Director:* Betsy Plowman ... *Nursery:* Cathy Crawford ... *Interim Cemetery Superintendent:* Jay Stevenson

*Custodian:* Wanda Hudson ... *Maintenance:* Mike Harrigan

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